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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed March 9, 2004, Applicant offers the following  
Response and requests reconsideration of the above-captioned application.

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

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Respectfully submitted,

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